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TRAFFIC ALERT FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 11-15, 2010 *Highway work zones in the Staunton District*

The following is a list of highway work that might affect traffic in the Staunton transportation district during the coming weeks. The Staunton district is comprised of 11 counties, Alleghany, Bath, Rockbridge, Augusta, Highland, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Page, Warren and Clarke. Work scheduled is subject to change due to inclement weather and material supplies. Motorists are advised to watch for slow-moving tractors during mowing operations. Also, when traveling through a work zone, be alert to periodic changes in traffic patterns and lane closures.

(NEW) _ Indicates a new or revised entry since last week's report.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Interstate 64

* Mile marker 0 to 41, eastbound and westbound – Debris removal and drainage repair. Shoulder closed, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

* Mile marker 18.5 to 24.5, westbound and eastbound – Median barrier construction installation project.

Mile marker 18.5 to 24.5 eastbound – Left lane closure.

Mile marker 24.5 to 21, westbound – Left lane closure. Right shoulder closure is mile marker 23 to 20, westbound.

Mile-marker 21 to 20, westbound – Right lane and shoulder closure. Be alert for traffic transitioning from the right lane to the left lane near mile marker 21 westbound, single lane traffic.

Wide loads up to 15 feet in width can proceed eastbound through the work zone. Wide loads up to 12 feet in width can proceed westbound through the work zone.

Primary Roads

- * Route F-205 (Irvine Farm Road) – Flagging operations for I-64 median barrier project work.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 616 (Rich Patch Road) – Box culvert replacement at Karnes Creek. Single-lane traffic with stop and proceed sign. Roadway is restricted to a 10-foot width. Single-lane traffic will be in place 24 hours-a-day until mid-November. Work zone will be active on weekdays from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Motorists should use extreme caution in this area and watch for construction vehicles.
- * Route 1101 (Winterberry Avenue) – Flagging operations for I-64 median barrier project work.
- * Route 1011 – Bridge replacement in Selma area between Route 1002 and Route 1003. Road will be closed Monday to Thursday. Detour signs in place.

BATH COUNTY

Primary Roads

No lane closures reported.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 627 (Scotchtown Draft Road) – Pipe work. Road closed from Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is .6 mile east of Route 678 (Indian Draft Road) and approximately two miles west of Route 629 (Deerfield Road). Signs will be posted. Motorists should plan alternate travel routes.
- * **(NEW)** various locations – Patching, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

Interstate 64

- * Mile marker 41 to 56 eastbound and westbound – Debris removal, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 173 to 205 northbound and southbound – Debris removal, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * **(UPDATE)** Blasting will occur on Oct. 12 and Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. The blasting locations will be on I-81 between mile-markers 197 to 199. Signs are posted in this area. Both northbound and southbound lanes will have a rolling mobile lane closure. Nighttime right northbound lane closures will take place Oct. 11 to Oct. 14, Oct. 18 to Oct. 21 and Oct. 25 to Oct. 28. The closure will be from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. each evening. The right lane will be closed between mile-marker 195.5 and mile-marker 196.5.

Primary Roads

- * Route 130 – Bridge work in Glasgow. Be alert for new traffic pattern using new bridge. Shoulder closures 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Watch for construction traffic in this work zone.

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Secondary Roads

- * Route 716 (Timber Ridge Road) – Bridge work .08 mile east of Route 754 to Route 608 near Cornwall. Road closed Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Oct. 4 to Oct. 28.
- * Route 717 (Goose Creek Road) – Pipe and ditch work. Work zone is .2 mile east of Route 724 to .88 mile east of Route 721. Flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * Various roads – Brush cutting, tractor mowing, grading, pipe work and shoulder repair mowing, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * **(NEW)** Route 770 – Approximately a quarter-mile section of Route 770 (Turnpike Road) in Rockbridge County will be closed for culvert replacement work. The closure will be on Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This location is at the Route 655 (Blacks Creek Road) intersection with Route 770. Residents will be able to access their property during this work. The road can have bus travel after 2 p.m.

HIGHLAND COUNTY

Primary Roads

- * **(NEW)** Route 220 south – Mowing, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Secondary Roads

No lane closures reported.

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Interstate 64

No lane closures reported.

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 219, northbound and southbound – Bridge work. Bridge over Folly Mills Creek. Shoulder closures Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Primary Roads

- * Route 42 – Mossy Creek project. Roadway relocation and bridge replacement with box culvert. Work will occur from 0.63 mile south of Rockingham County line to 0.90 mile south of Rockingham County line. Expect minor delays Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Two lanes of roadway will be maintained. Completion is July 20, 2011.
- * **(UPDATE)** Churchville Avenue (Route 250, Staunton), eastbound – Road to open Tuesday, October 12. Detour will be eliminated on that date. Road reconstruction activities. North Central Avenue is open to traffic. No left turn will be allowed from Churchville Avenue onto North Lewis Street. North Lewis Street is open to northbound traffic only. The eastbound lane will be closed from North Augusta Street (Route 11) to Albemarle Avenue 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. The pedestrian detour is from North Augusta Street to North Lewis Street. Signs are posted.
Expect intermittent delays from North Augusta Street to Albemarle Avenue due to utility installation work. Intermittent flagger traffic control for work in westbound lane. Speed limit in

the project area reduced to 25 miles-per-hour. Four recommended detours for eastbound Churchville Avenue traffic heading into Staunton business district from Route 262/Route 250 interchange are to North Augusta Street:

- Take Route 250 and turn right onto Grubert Avenue and then turning left onto West Beverly Street, which intersects with North Augusta Street.
- Take Route 250 and turn right onto Thornrose Avenue and then turning left on to West Beverly Street, which intersects with North Augusta Street.
- Take Churchville Avenue and turn left onto Springhill Road to Route 262. Turn right onto Route 262 north to the Route 11 intersection. Turn right onto Route 11 and take Route 11 bypass (Commerce Road) into Staunton.

At the Route 262/Route 250 interchange – take Route 262 north to the Route 11 intersection. Turn right onto Route 11 and take Route 11 bypass (Commerce Road) into Staunton.

* Route 256 (Weyers Cave Road) – Grading, slope and turn lane work from 800-feet north of Route 11 (Lee Jackson Highway). Right shoulder closures, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No work in roadway on Monday, Oct. 11.

Secondary Roads

* Route 659 (Payton Hill Road) – Rural rustic project from Route 657 (Indian Ridge Road) to Route 11 (Lee Jackson Highway). Road closed, Tuesday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Estimated completion is Oct. 15.

* Route 694 (Swartzel Shop Road) – Rustic road construction from Route 686 (Hill Top Drive) to Route 340 (Stuarts Draft Highway). Road closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Friday.

* Route 699 – Paving from Route 646 to 0.09 mile south of intersection of Route 646. Intersection relocation project to improve sight distance. Flagger traffic control, Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

* Route 746 – Road reconstruction with flaggers controlling traffic from Route 745 to Route 616.

* Route 835 (Varner Road) – Cross pipe installation and rustic road widening project from Route 728 (Stover Shop Road) to Route 736 (Union Church Road). Road closed, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept 13 to Oct. 29. Road will be open to traffic on Monday, Oct. 11.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Interstate 81

* Mile marker 237 to 263, northbound and southbound – Debris removal, sign repairs and guardrail repair. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as needed.

Primary Roads

* Stone Spring Road – Erickson Avenue/Stone Spring Road Connector Project from the Route 11 intersection to the Port Republic Road intersection. Lane and shoulder closures, daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Estimated completion is spring 2013.

* Route 33 (East Market Street) westbound bridge overpass– Bridge deck repairs in the vicinity of I-81 exit 247. The on-ramp for eastbound Route 33 traffic headed northbound on I-81 will be closed. Also the exit ramp for I-81 northbound traffic headed to Route 33 westbound will be closed. The closures will occur on Oct. 11 to 14 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Motorists should follow

detour signs. Information about the closure and detour will be available by calling 511 or visiting the 511 website at www.511Virginia.org.

- * Route 42 (Warm Springs Pike) – Aerial and buried optic cable work from Bridgewater Town limits and Route 42 south to Augusta County line. Right shoulder closure, Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- * Route 253 (Port Republic Road) – Aerial and buried optic cable work from Route 825 (South River Road) to Route 655 (Lawyer Road). Right shoulder closure, Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- * Route 253 (Port Republic Road) – Road widening project from Route 704 (Boyers Road) to Harrisonburg City limits. Motorists should be alert for a traffic pattern change on Oct. 7. Southbound traffic at the Harrisonburg city limits will be shifted to the right onto the newly constructed roadway. Just before the Southeast Connector intersection, traffic will be moved to the left and rejoin the existing roadway. Northbound traffic, just past the Southeast Connector, will shift to the left. Prior to entering the Harrisonburg city limits, traffic will be guided to the right and return to the existing roadway. All work is subject to change and weather permitting.

- * Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading.

Secondary Roads

- * **(NEW)** Route 671 (Shady Grove Road) - Mill Creek Bridge will be closed for bridge work. The closure will begin on Oct. 11 and last until mid-November. This location is near Port Republic. A detour will be posted. Motorists wishing to access Route 671 west of the bridge should take Route 253 (Port Republic Road) to Route 672 (Latimer Road) to Route 671. East of the bridge motorists can use Route 253 to Route 670 (Doe Hill Road) to Route 671

- * **(NEW)** Route 722 (Armentrout Path) - Mountain Run Bridge will be closed for bridge work. This location is at the Route 868 (Airey Lane) intersection near the Brethren Woods Camp in the George Washington National Forest, north of Keezletown. The closure will begin on Oct. 18 and last until early December.

- * Route 726 (Erickson Avenue) – Road work on Route 33 (Rawley Pike) and Route 726. Intermittent lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic, Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- * Route 800 (Long Meadow Drive) – Columbia Gas work from Route 800 (Lone Pine Road) to Route 619 (Wampler Road). Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.

- * Route 800 (American Legion Drive) – Columbia Gas work from Route 801 (Holsinger Road) to end of state maintenance. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.

- * Route 801 (Holsinger Road) – Columbia Gas work from Route 800 (American Legion Drive) to Route 619 (Wampler Road). Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.

- * Route 820 (Bergton Road) – Motorists should be alert for travel delays of up to 20 minutes for road construction and slope work. Work zone is 1.10 miles to 0.30 mile west of Route 259 (Brocks Gap Road). Construction in this section will be controlled by temporary traffic signals 24 hours-a-day, Aug. 16 to Oct. 30. The signals will be located at both ends of the construction area. Single-lane closures with flagger traffic control, Monday to Saturday during daylight hours. Motorists are urged to drive with caution in the work zone and to only proceed when a green

light is present. Blasting operations will also occur Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delays up to one hour should be expected during these times. Estimated completion is Nov. 2010.

- * Route 890 (Buckley Road) – Columbia Gas work from Route 619 (Piney Woods Road) to end of state maintenance. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.

- * Route 955 (Jackson's Way) – Bridge superstructure replacement on the Madison Run Bridge from 1.40 mile west of Route 340. Road closed, Sept. 20 to late October. Suggested detour: Motorists wishing to access Route 955 west of the bridge should use the Route 253 (Port Republic Road) intersection with Route 955. Motorists wishing to access Route 955 east of the bridge should use the Route 340 intersection with Route 955.

- * Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading.

PAGE COUNTY

Primary Road

- * Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Secondary Roads

- * Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 263 to 298, northbound and southbound – Debris removal, sign repairs. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as needed.

Primary Roads

No lane closures reported.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 675 – Bridge work. Bridge over North Fork of the Shenandoah River located .25 mile east of Edinburg town limits. Single lane traffic, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- * Route 744 (Deer Rapids) – Bridge over Shenandoah River. Bridge work from 0.30-mile east of Route 648 to 0.45-mile east of Route 648. Traffic controlled by flaggers as needed during daylight hours, Monday to Friday. Estimated completion is April 14, 2011.

- * Various roads – Mowing and patching.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 300 to 324, northbound and southbound – Debris removal, sign repairs. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as needed.

Primary Roads

- * **(NEW)** Route 7 – Paving westbound from Clarke County line to Winchester City limits, Sunday to Friday, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Paving eastbound from Winchester City limits to Route 656 west, Sunday to Friday, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Alternating lane closures. Estimated completion is Nov. 5.
- * Route 11 – Line painting from Route 1129 to Winchester City limits. Flagger traffic control, Sunday to Friday morning, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Estimated completion is Oct. 15.
- * Route 11 (Martinsburg Pike) – Traffic signal construction at Route 672 (Hopewell Road/Brucetown Road). Intermittent lane closures from Sept. 27 to Oct. 21. Work is Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- * **(NEW)** Route 11 Winchester area - Patching
- * Route 277 (Fairfax Pike) – Line painting operations from Route 719 to Route 11. Flagger traffic control, Sunday to Friday, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Estimated completion is Oct. 15.
- * Route 522, southbound – Paving from West Virginia State line to 0.02 mile south of Route 692. Alternating lane closures, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Estimated completion is Oct. 15.
- * Route 522, northbound – Paving from 0.45 mile north of Route 681 to 0.52 mile north of Route 699. Alternating lane closures, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Estimated completion is Oct. 15.
- * Route 522 – Intersection improvement at Route 642 (Tasker Road) including additional turn lane and signal installations. Lane closures and lane shifts during construction. Work is Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 671 – Bridge repairs on bridge over Back Creek from 1.45 miles east of Route 681 to 0.03 mile west of Route 741. Single-lane traffic with flagger traffic control.
- * Various roads – Mowing and patching.

CLARKE COUNTY

Primary Roads

No lane closures reported.

Secondary Roads

- * **(NEW)** Route 661 (Fairground Road) – Road closed for railroad work on Oct. 11. Roadwork is from 1.2 mile east of Route 340/522 to 0.71 mile west of Route 658 (Rockland Road). Detour is:
Eastbound traffic will use Route 658 (Rockland Road) to Route 661 (Fairground Road).
Westbound traffic will use Route 661 (Fairground Road) to Route 658 (Rockland Road) to Route 522 North (Front Royal Pike).
- * **(NEW)** Various roads – Railroad crossing work. Be alert for road closures in Clarke and Warren counties on various roads for railroad crossing work. Specific site information will be announced closer to construction date. Norfolk and Southern Railroad work.

WARREN COUNTY

Interstate 66

* Mile marker 0 to 13, eastbound and westbound – Debris removal, sign repair. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as needed.

Interstate 81

* Mile marker 298 to 300, northbound and southbound – Debris removal. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Primary Roads

* (NEW) Route 340/522 Front Royal area – Concrete work.

Secondary Roads

* Route 802 (Zion Church Road) – Bridge widening and guardrail installation from Route 522 to Route 639. Road closed beginning Sept. 7. Estimated completion is mid October 2010.

* Route 1026 (Happy Creek Road) Front Royal area – Road improvement project from Sixth Street and Bradford Drive to near Route 606 (Shenandoah Shores Road). Temporary lane closures 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Happy Creek Road closed from Polk Avenue to Sixth Street until November 30 to reconstruct the Sixth Street intersection. Motorists should follow detour signs for alternate route. Lewis Street will be closed from Cannon Street to Happy Creek Road. Lewis Street traffic should use Meadow Lane. The speed limit in this work zone will be reduced to 25 mph. Beginning Aug. 31, traffic will be diverted to a single-lane, stone road with flagger traffic control and a pilot vehicle during work hours. Traffic will be restored to two-way traffic during non-work hours. Motorists are advised to drive with caution through the work zone and be aware of changes in traffic patterns.

* (NEW) Various roads – Railroad crossing work. Be alert for road closures in Clarke and Warren counties on various roads for railroad crossing work. Specific site information will be announced closer to construction date. Norfolk and Southern Railroad work.

* (NEW) Various roads – Mowing and scraping.

Vegetation management may occur district wide on various routes.

Motorists are reminded to use extreme caution when traveling through work zones. Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. In areas where 511 is unavailable, dial 1-866-MY511VA (866-695-1182). Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at 511Virginia.org.

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